

Animal Stories: Gr. 4-6

All books can be found in the Juvenile Fiction or Juvenile Paperback section by the author's last name.

* This book is part of a series or trilogy.

Appelt, Kathi THE UNDERNEATH

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Avi POPPY *

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Birney, Betty THE WORLD ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY *

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Bruel, Nick BAD KITTY GETS A BATH

With bath time approaching, Kitty's owners do what they can to prepare themselves for the disaster they know it will become--and even have an ambulance waiting in the driveway just in case!

Cleary, Beverly THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE *

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

DiCamillo, Kate THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

Featuring the adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Farley, Walter THE BLACK STALLION

When a shipwreck leaves Alec Ramsay stranded on an island with only a wild stallion for a companion, the boy and the horse establish a warm and trusting friendship that continues after they are rescued.

Howe, James

BUNNICULA: A RABBIT-TALE OF MYSTERY*

When the Monroes go to the movie "Dracula," they find a baby rabbit and name it Bunnicula. Chester the cat suspects the newcomer who has fangs and is awake only at night. Is Bunnicula really a vampire?

Jaques, Brian REDWALL *

When the peaceful life in ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny, young mouse Matthias, vows to find a legendary sword which he is convinced will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

King-Smith, Dick BABE: THE GALLANT PIG

A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.

King-Smith, Dick FUNNY FRANK

Mother hen is appalled when Frank wants to swim with the ducks, but a girl and her mother make him a special outfit so his dream can come true.

King-Smith, Dick HARRY'S MAD

Harry finds himself caught up in an unexpected adventure when his great uncle's talking parrot named Madison, is kidnapped by a burglar.

Laskey, Kathryn GUARDIANS OF GA'HOOLE: THE CAPTURE *

When a barn owl arrives at St. Aggie's, a mysterious school for orphaned owls, he and his new friend, a clever female elf owl, embark on a perilous journey to save all owls from the danger that lurks at there.

Lisle, Janet HIGHWAY CATS

After befriending three little kittens who were thrown off a truck and onto the highway one evening, a group of street cats are shocked when they discover that the kittens have special powers that can save their beloved cat town.

Martin, Ann M.

A DOG'S LIFE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STRAY

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds SHILOH *

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

O'Brien, Robert MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Oppel, Kenneth SILVERWING

Shade, a Silverwing bat, and his friends face the most incredible journey of their lives when they suspect that Goth, a huge vampire bat, may have an evil plan to destroy Shade's entire colony.

Reiche, Dietlof

I, FREDDY: BOOK ONE IN THE GOLDEN HAMSTER SAGA *

Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster who learns how to read and write on a computer, escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature.

Runton, Andy OWLY *

Owly is a kind, yet lonely, little owl who's always on the lookout for new friends and adventure. (*Located in the Juvenile Graphic Novel section.)

Said, S.F. VARJAK PAW *

Guided by the spirit of his legendary Mesopotamian ancestor, Jalal, Varjak Paw, leaves his home and pampered existence and sets out to save his family from the evil Gentleman who took their owner, the Contessa.

Schade, Susan TRAVELS OF THELONIOUS

Thelonius Chipmunk, an animal with the gift of language, stumbles upon the remains of human civilization, ruled by gangs and warlords, and struggles to find the truth surrounding Earth's past.

Selden, George THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE *

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Wallace, Bill

THE LEGEND OF THUNDERFOOT

An embarrassed roadrunner named "Thunderfoot" is determined to prove his worth and becomes a legend when his accidental feats get back to his family.

White, E.B. CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

White, E.B. STUART LITTLE

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

White, E.B. THE TRUMPET OF THE SWAN

Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter swan, finds himself far from his wilderness home and communicates by learning to play a stolen trumpet.

Whybrow, lan LITTLE WOLF'S BOOK OF BADNESS

Little Wolf has been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school to learn to be a proper wolf.

Wise, William

CHRISTOPHER MOUSE: THE TALE OF A SMALL TRAVELER

After being sold to an unscrupulous pet store owner, a young mouse lives with several owners and has many adventures, before ending up with an appreciative family.

Yi, Nancy SWORDBIRD

Warring factions of blue jays and cardinals call on Swordbird, the heroic bird of peace, to rescue them from the evil hawk lord who plans to enslave them.

